



LEAGUE TO CALL SMALL NATIONS IN ARMS PARLEY

Would Apply Washington
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Of World.

THIRD ASSEMBLY OPENS IN GENEVA

United States Protests
Britain's Seizure of
Phosphate Island.

GENEVA, Sept. 4.—Calling of another conference to extend to most of the nations of the world the armament limitation principles agreed upon at the Washington conference is among the proposals to be considered by the league of nations at its third general assembly which opened here today.

The disarmament commission of the league recommended that a conference of nations not including the Washington meeting be held.

A protest by the United States over Great Britain's seizure of the phosphate deposit in the Pacific island of Nauru was revealed this evening at the council meeting during a bitter debate over the administration of a mandate which provides for equal exploitation of national resources in mandated territories by the allied and associated powers.

U. S. Seeks Phosphates.

Although the league gave the British Empire a mandate to Nauru without the right of treaty, it develops that England has given New Zealand and Australia 42 per cent each of the phosphate rights to the island, retaining the other 16 per cent herself after an Australian discovered on the island a solid block of the precious mineral representing a fabulous value, and able to supply the world with phosphate for many years.

It was divulged that Secretary of State Hughes had instructed Ambassador Harvey in London last week to inquire of the British government America's right to participate in Nauru.

Premier Seipel of Austria arrived at Geneva this afternoon incognito. The chancellor held a long secret interview with Premier Benes of Czechoslovakia. It is understood that they reached an agreement for co-operation between their countries.

If the powers and other members of the little entente assist, a member of Austria and Czechoslovakia will prove a solution of the critical problem in Central Europe.

Achievements Listed.

Though the United States is not a member of the league, more than seventy Americans were present, acting in semi-official and unofficial capacities—the largest delegation present.

Achievements of the league during the last year were listed in part as follows:

Established international court of justice at The Hague.

Settled Upper Silesian Dispute, Germany and Poland signing treaty applying league settlement.

Obtained Serbia's evacuation of Albania, fixed Albania's frontiers and assisted in organization of government.

Obtained thirty-three signatories to convention against white slave traffic.

Prepared machinery for protection of European minorities in eleven states which have signed minority treaties.

Carried on Genoa Work.

Aided in technical work of the Genoa conference and took over study of reconstruction of Europe were the conference left off.

Obtained signing of treaty neutralizing of Aaland plans.

Continued campaign against opium traffic.

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Paying the Bonus Out of the Interest on the European Debt.

By J. N. Darling.



GOMPERS SCORES HARDING AS FOE TO LABOR UNIONS

New York Trades Council
To Act on Nation-Wide
Strike Today.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking at a rally here today, criticized President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty as enemies of organized labor, and said the need for organized labor was never more urgent than at present.

He provoked laughter when he said "the American workman has been in pursuit of happiness for 150 years and hasn't caught up yet."

The president, he said, while a member of the Senate, voted for "compulsory labor," and that now he is seeking to enforce his ideas through his Attorney General.

He contended that a "drive for an open shop is on by capitalistic interests," and said that it was a realization by capital that the "tide has turned toward labor," that brought on the injunction.

Will Discuss Tie-Up.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—There is a possibility, it was said here today, that the question of calling a general nation-wide strike of union labor would be brought up for decision before the special meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Council called for tomorrow.

The decision at this meeting is expected to have an important bearing on the action of the general council of the American Federation of Labor when it receives President Gompers' message next Saturday.

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Batchelor left Springfield, Mass., in his boat last Wednesday, going down the Connecticut river to the Atlantic. The engine went dead when the motor boat was fifteen miles at sea.

For four days and three nights he watched for passing ships, and late Saturday sighted a Coast Guard cutter. He waved a flag and shouted wildly. Finally the cutter headed for his craft. Then Batchelor fainted from hunger and exhaustion.

Disabled Defend Veterans Bureau

Committee Pledges Support
To Director Forbes and
Gen. Sawyer.

Col. Forbes, director of the Veterans' Bureau, and Brig. Gen. Sawyer, chairman of the Federal Hospitalization Board, and President Harding's personal physician, in their efforts to provide an adequate hospital program for disabled war veterans, have been given a clean bill of health by the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, according to a statement made by the national rehabilitation committee of that organization.

This statement comes in the face of vigorous attacks upon Gen. Sawyer by the American Legion, many posts of which have demanded his resignation.

The disabled veterans, representing 171,000 former service men, the statement says, will lend to Sawyer and Forbes their full support "so that misdirected criticism or endeavor will not force a backward step that will be a blow to the men most interested—the disabled men."

However, despite the holiday and McCumber's efforts to have the bonus taken up first, the conferees spent the day yesterday in considering the Fordney-McCumber tariff measure.

With the resumption of business today, the Senate will continue debate on the coal bill, and the House may devote some time to discussion of the Huddleston anti-injunction measure to be introduced today.

But the main concern of Congress is how soon the tariff and bonus measures can be disposed of to allow adjournment.

A tacit agreement has been reached, it was said, to eliminate the McNary reclamation and land settlement option, so that the bill is now less obnoxious "politically" to veto. The Simmons amendment to pay the bonus out of the interest on the allied debt to America is believed acceptable to both House and Senate conferees.

THREE MORE SLAIN
IN BERLIN RED RIOT

Communists Storm Police
Station to Liberate
Leaders.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—Three more deaths were added today and yesterday to victims of food riots and disturbances resulting from the Communist exploitation of the general growing discontent over the high cost of living.

The dead are a policeman, his assistant and a rioter. Four Communists were seriously wounded during the storming of a police station by the Communists, who demanded the release of two agitators arrested yesterday for leading 3,000 women to direct action.

While the demonstration passed a shop the proprietor ridiculed the Communists and denounced the leaders. They demolished the shop, beat up the proprietor and continued to encourage destruction of adjoining property. Police then intervened.

The leaders refused to obey the police and denounced them as tools of capitalists, encouraging their followers to attack. The police arrested the leaders and marched them to the police station.

Reds surrounded the station and began firing. Only when reinforcements came from another station did the crowd draw away. In this melee one was killed and four wounded.

Later one Red fired at a policeman, killing him. Police were forced to fight off the crowd, which tried to lynch the assassin.

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